

I. **Amendments**

A. **Title of the Invention**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b), replace the title of the invention appearing on page 1 of the original specification with the new title of the invention appearing below.

Method for Recognizing an Off-Hook Condition On a Single Subscriber Line with Two terminal Devices

B. **Specification**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b), replace the paragraph on page 4 beginning with the words "[t]his object is inventively achieved in that the loop d.c. is compared to a second threshold..." and ending on page 4 with the words "...to approximately 5 mA with an active current source" with the new paragraph appearing on the following page.

This object is inventively achieved in that the loop d.c. is compared to a second threshold that is higher than the first threshold by the current level minimally required given operation of the first terminal device. One of the terminal devices is an analog terminal device and the other terminal device is a digital or data terminal device. One preferred embodiment sets the first threshold at approximately 10 mA. A d.c. resistance of the digital or data terminal device may be determined such that it corresponds to that of an analog terminal device at least at a beginning of an off-hook condition. This d.c. resistance may be preferably set at $300\ \Omega$. The inventive method may further comprise the step of lowering the d.c. resistance current of the digital or data terminal device after recognition of the off-hook condition at the digital or data termite terminal device and a beginning of a data transmission, to approximately 5 mA by raising the d.c. resistance of the digital or data terminal device with an active current source.